

B.A (Honours) Examination- 2022

Semester-V (CBCS)

Economics

Course: CC-12

(Development Economics)

Time 3 hours

Full Marks 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Question No. 1 is **compulsory**. Attempt **any THREE** from the rest.

Answers should be to the point and brief

1. (a) Why do you think that per capita income should not be accepted as an effective measure of development?
(b) What may be the causes behind dominance of agriculture and petty services in developing countries?
(c) Distinguish between international inequality and global inequality and name the suitable technique to measure such types of inequalities.
(d) How do you make a distinction between labour hour and labourer to argue that labour is not employed in peasant agriculture beyond a point where $MP_L = 0$?
(e) Which institutions do you think are the most important for encouraging investment in developing countries?

3X5=15
 2. Define HDI. Explain how it is constructed? What may be its additional strength and weaknesses as a comparative measure of human welfare?

4+6+5
 3. Describe Kuznets's inverted-U hypothesis. Discuss the conceptual merits and limitations of this hypothesis for contemporary developing countries.

7+8 = 15
 4. What do you understand by the concept of "low-level equilibrium trap"? What are the routes through which an escape from this trap is possible for an economy?

9+6
 5. What is meant by absolute poverty? What is the total poverty gap? How do these measures differ from the UNDP's Human poverty Index (HPI)? Why should we be concerned with the measurement of poverty in developing nations?

3+3+4+5
 6. What is Hirschman's major criticism of the doctrine of balanced growth?

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 7. Show how the Harris-Todaro model explains the paradoxical relationship of rural-urban migration in the context of rising urban unemployment.

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